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Your Honor

I have heard the Michigan Supreme Court plans to change Michigan Court Rule 6.500, also known as Relief from Judgment. I assume that the state Supreme Court would pursue these changes to ease a heavy docket burden. (There may be political reasons.) Further limiting the rights of the weakest, most despised, ignorant, and disenfranchised is not the way to fix something.

For many convicted felons, the 6.500 Motion is the true appeal; most prisoners are ignorant of criminal law and court rules when pursuing their Appeal of Right. The 6.500 Motion is a chance for an enlightened prisoner to seek redress in the trial court, the original court where errors may have first occurred.

I know the criminal justice system is run by man, and therefore prone to failure and wrongdoing. I also know that all Michigan courts are groaning from the weight of cases. However, the best way to fix the Michigan system is to make sure the trial court and all involved in the appellate process do their best to follow the law fairly.

I ask that you keep MCR 6.500 the way it is. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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